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SAN MARINO, CALIF. (AP) - JOHN J. MCCONE, FORMER HEAD OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, SAYS A JOINT CONGRESSIONAL WATCHDOG COMMITTEE SHOULD BE FORMED TO INSURE THAT THE NATION'S INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS ARE "PERFORMING CONSISTENTLY WITH THE AGREED FOREIGN POLICY PURPOSES OF THE UNITED STATES."

MCCONE, WHO HEADED THE CIA DURING THE KENNEDY AND JOHNSON ADMINISTRATIONS, SAID IN AN INTERVIEW MONDAY THE COMMITTEE "WOULD CERTAINLY GIVE THE PUBLIC AND CONGRESS AS A WHOLE A FEELING OF APPROPRIATE OVERSIGHT."

THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY, MCCONE SAID, AND WOULD HAVE MEMBERS BOTH FROM THE HOUSE AND SENATE AND AN ADEQUATE STAFF.

THE COMMITTEE WOULD NOT SET POLICY, WHICH WOULD CONTINUE TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS, MCCONE SAID.

"ITS OVERSIGHT FUNCTION WOULD BE TO SEE THAT THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY FUNCTIONED CONSISTENT WITH POLICY AND WOULD BE SUBJECT TO SUCH RESTRAINTS AS POLICY MIGHT DICTATE," HE SAID.

"ONCE THE CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION AGREED ON RULES AND MISSIONS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY WHICH WOULD BE LOGICAL AND CORRECT AND IN SUPPORT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY, THEN I'M SURE THAT ANY DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT THAT WAS CONFORMING TO THOSE GUIDELINES WOULD BE OPERATING WITHIN ACCEPTABLE MORAL AND LEGAL STANDARDS."

MCCONE, 74, WHO HAS WRITTEN A FIRST-PERSON ARTICLE ADVANCING THE PROPOSAL IN THE FORTHCOMING JAN. 10 ISSUE OF TV GUIDE, SAID HIS PLAN CALLS FOR A "REDEFINITION OF ROLES AND MISSIONS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY."

IN ADDITION TO THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE, MCCONE SAID IN THE INTERVIEW, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO HAVE "PROPER CONTROL BY A HIGH-LEVEL SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND . . . A REVIEW BY A CIVILIAN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE TO THE PRESIDENT."

CURRENTLY, HE SAID, CONGRESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE-MONITORING DUTIES FALL UNDER THE PURVIEW OF SUBCOMMITTEES WHICH "DON'T HAVE LARGE, SUFFICIENT STAFFS AND DON'T MEET WITH THE TYPE OF REGULARITY" NECESSARY FOR A PRECISE OVERVIEW OF INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS.

MCCONE SAID HE DID NOT FORESEE ANY PROBLEMS WITH AN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY TRYING TO HIDE ITS OPERATIONS FROM THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

"THE LAW SHOULD STATE THE COMMITTEE MUST BE FULLY AND CURRENTLY INFORMED, AND I THINK THAT WITH THAT INJUNCTION . . . THE INTELLIGENCE PEOPLE WOULD CONFORM," HE SAID.

"I'VE [illegible] MORE DESIRE IN AN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER TO RUN

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